



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Fort Collins, Colorado

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:00 am In-Person



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Prelude

Voluntary

Ringing of the Bell

All stand at the ringing of the bell as you are able.

The ministers enter in silence

Processional

St. Columba

.....Trad. Irish Melody

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these"

The Celebrant then says

Trusting in God's forgiveness, let us confess our failings and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and most merciful father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons *(Please be seated)*

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 23..

Dominus regit me

Chanted by Andrew J Hill

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

John 9:1-41

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you Lord Christ**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night

is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

Sermon

Buck

A Moment of Silent Prayer

Seth

(Please stand as you are able)

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

The Prayers of the People

Lector: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop Kym, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this city Fort Collins for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For _____, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. Luke and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements and Offering

Text Message Sign Up -Text the number 84576 with keyword saintlukesfc

Give to support our ministries at stlukesfc.org/online-giving or

Text to give by texting 970-296-8159 and enter your donation amount in the body of the text.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

When I Can't Find my Way

Jessica Hedrick Miller

Eucharistic Prayer I

The Celebrant, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: **have mercy upon us.**

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Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

People: **grant us thy peace.**

The following prayer is said by all

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation

All who are worshipping from home or in-person are invited to receive communion together. You may come to the altar or receive from your pew. You may also receive a blessing from the altar.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Behold who you are, become what you receive.

Communion Music

Schucke dich

Johann Cruger

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs,

through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional

Azmon

Garl Graser

(The people turn as the procession passes in preparation to go, love and serve.)

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Voluntary

Music at St. Luke's: Organ Concert by Sven-Ingvar Mikkelsen Head of the Royal Danish Academy of Music

March 24th, 7:30pm



Please help fill St. Luke's with flowers to celebrate Easter

If you would like to make a contribution to the Easter Flower Fund in Memory of or in Thanksgiving, please fill out one of the forms located in the lobby and enclose with your contribution, or contact the church office at 493-7512.

Thanks so much!



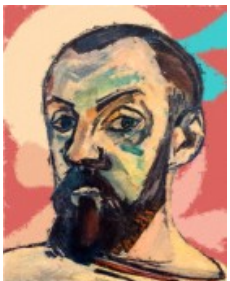
**Contribution for Easter Flower Fund
Due by Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023**



Help Us Research Grants For our Green Energy Building Project

As you know, we have been developing a project to update our existing heating and cooling systems with a solar and geothermal design that will be much longer lasting and far more efficient. It is also expensive and it is time for us to find grants. We have a parishioner who has identified databases and other resources where we can search for grants that would be a good fit. We now need a team of people who would be willing to look at these databases and search through the grants to find some that might be great fits. If it works for everyone in the group, they may gather together with laptops for a day of researching online.

If you would like to join the grant research team please email Susan Groeger at groegersc@yahoo.com or Mother Krista at motherkrista@stlukesfc.org



Lenten Devotional On the Mighty Network Henri Matisse and the Colors of Lent

In this devotional full of Scripture, art, and weekly practices, we walk alongside Matisse from his childhood in northern France to what he called his “masterpiece,” the Chapel of the Rosary in Vence. He once said he liked to pray with a pencil: “At the moment I go every morning to say my prayers, pencil in hand; I stand in front of a pomegranate tree covered in blossom, each flower at a different stage, and I watch their transformation... filled with admiration for the work of God. Is this not a way of praying?” Week by week, we’ll travel through the colors of Lent – all the way to the beautiful, joyful dawn of Easter morning. Scan the QR Code to Join our Mighty Network if you aren't already a member.



FFH Volunteers:



faith family hospitality

... supporting families from homelessness to self-sufficiency

Our two-week FFH host rotation starts next month on April 23, and we need your help for our four families experiencing homelessness. Our host week runs from Sun, April 23 through Sunday, May 7 and we are going to need volunteer support for dinner preparers, evening hosts, overnight hosts, cleaning and more.

First-Time and Refresher Training for Volunteers

- ◆ On **Sunday, April 2, at 10 am** at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2000 S Lemay Ave. we will be hosting an FFH training.

If you've never been a volunteer or just wish to brush up your knowledge, please plan on attending the above training where we will provide an overview of the roles, expectations and guidance for volunteer and family interactions and any other questions you want addressed. Questions? Please contact Mary Lynn Jones at 970-493-5487/mlbj67@msn.com or Annette Lynch at 970-232-6744/alynch@jurisdata.com.

We look forward to seeing you at our next two-week rotation, starting April 23 thru May 7.

Sign up NOW to volunteer using the QR Code.



St. Luke's @ Camp This Summer - Cathedral Ridge

INTERGENERATIONAL CREATION CARE CAMP

WILDLY, WONDERFUL WORLD



**Mother Krista will be chaplain for this camp
Others from around the diocese will also participate**

June 22-25, 2023

At Creation Care Camp 2023, an intergenerational Family Camp, we'll explore together this "wildly, wonderful world" God made and called "good." We'll engage with creation, from the miniscule to the magnificent, deepening our relationships with our more than human neighbors, and we'll discover what the Bible says about our role in caring for our Earth. We'll have fun together in all the traditional camp activities: games, crafts, nature hikes, campfires with s'mores, ropes course/climbing wall, singing silly songs, and so much more. We'll pray, walk the labyrinth, and worship together in our incredible forest setting. There will be time for families to be together and opportunities for age group activities and sessions.

Register at using the QR code or type in the following link. <https://crfamilycamp.campbrainregistration.com/>





We have created (yet another) sign-up for coffee hour. This first sign-up only runs through March. A larger sign-up will be installed near the flower chart. Like the flower chart you may pick in advance, a special Sunday (to you), to host coffee hour. We need one or two hosts for each of the services on every Sunday, unless there is a special event.

We have posted guidelines for setting up and taking down coffee hour. Please feel free to use your imagination when deciding what goodies to bring!

It feels so good to get back to a pre-pandemic lifestyle! Fellowship in the form of “breaking bread” with each other is an integral part of the Christian tradition. It is a stress-free chance to get to know your fellow parishioners.

Walking the Camino in Portugal and Spain: A Pilgrimage along the Portuguese Way October 18-31, 2023

For more than a thousand years, pilgrims have made their way from every corner of world, drawn from their homes on a life-changing journey, walking the converging paths of the Camino de Santiago. The people of the Episcopal Church in Colorado are invited to make this journey along the Portuguese Way to Santiago in October 2023. On this pilgrimage we will experience the transforming power of walking the Camino firsthand, encountering God in the compelling landscape of Portugal and Spain and in pilgrims we will meet along the Way, and in deepening bonds across the diocese and with the Reformed Episcopal Church in Spain. Our Camino journey will begin in Portugal in the faith-inspiring village of Fátima, before traveling north to join the Portuguese Way, walking the Way to Santiago, Spain. This pilgrimage offers an initiation for pilgrims to experience their faith like never before.

Information

For more information about this opportunity, please contact the Rev. Canon Greg Foraker, Canon for Formation and Pastoral Care, or visit our Pilgrimage Ministries web page by following the QR-code



Itinerary

To view the itinerary for the Pilgrimage from Portugal to Spain please follow the following QR-code

